ABSTRACT

The present invention provides vaccines and for making methods the vaccines that actively or passively protect an equid or other animal Sarcocystis neurona. In particular, the invention provides vaccines that provide active immunity which comprise a polypeptide or DNA vaccine contains or expresses at least one epitope of an antigen that has an amino acid sequence substantially similar to a unique 16 (± 4) kDa antigen and/or 30 (± 4) kDa antigen of Sarcocystis neurona. The present invention further provides a vaccine that provides passive immunity to Sarcocystis neurona comprising polyclonal or monoclonal antibodies against at least one epitope of an antigen substantially similar to a unique 16 (± 4) kDa antigen and/or 30 (± 4) kDa antigen of Sarcocystis neurona.

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